



Motor Gasoline Watch

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SUPPLY

- Stocks were lower last week despite a decrease in demand. Total motor gasoline stocks fell 3.7 million barrels to end the week at 191.8 million barrels. Stocks of reformulated gasoline were down 0.5 million barrels to 38.5 million barrels as stocks of other finished gasoline dropped 2.0 million barrels to 109.9 million barrels. Stocks of motor gasoline blending components ended the week at 42.4 million barrels, 1.2 million barrels below the level at the end of the prior week.
- Total motor gasoline stocks at the primary storage level were 10.3 million barrels below the level for the same week last year. Imports of total gasoline averaged 377 thousand barrels per day of which 132 thousand barrels per day were reformulated and 89 thousand barrels per day were blending components.

Gasoline Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Finished Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	08/18/00	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/10/99	08/18/00	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/10/99
East Coast (PADD I)	1,109	1,041	1,007	1,005	970	701	637	621	664	564
Midwest (PADD II)	1,985	1,978	1,810	1,876	1,972	281	278	259	271	318
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	3,730	3,544	3,528	3,422	3,577	840	765	634	674	661
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	293	288	289	275	279	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	1,429	1,444	1,422	1,461	1,408	990	997	1,012	1,001	1,008
U.S. Total	8,546	8,295	8,057	8,040	8,205	2,812	2,677	2,526	2,610	2,551

Gasoline Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Gasoline Week Ending					Reformulated Gasoline Week Ending				
	08/18/00	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/08/99	08/18/00	08/25/00	09/01/00	09/08/00	09/08/99
East Coast (PADD I)	51.6	51.0	51.3	48.8	54.8	16.9	15.2	17.4	16.0	17.1
Midwest (PADD II)	54.3	52.0	49.7	50.4	54.6	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.9
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	61.7	60.2	61.3	59.8	58.2	10.4	11.3	9.2	9.7	10.0
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.7	5.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	27.8	27.4	27.1	27.1	28.8	11.1	10.7	10.2	10.5	11.2
U.S. Total	201.2	196.4	195.5	191.8	202.1	41.0	39.4	39.0	38.5	40.2

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- Gasoline spot price movements were mixed last week, despite increases in crude oil prices before and after the OPEC meeting on September 10. Both crude oil and gasoline prices generally rose through Thursday, then dropped sharply on Friday ahead of the weekend meeting. By Monday, despite OPEC's decision to raise its production ceiling by 800,000 barrels per day, crude oil prices recovered near Thursday's levels, but most gasoline prices were less affected. California prices largely dropped back after spiking on refinery concerns, but remained elevated in comparison to other U.S. markets. The New York Harbor spot price for conventional regular gasoline rose 1.15 cents for the week to 99.88 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB RFG spot price fell 25.00 cents to 140.00 cents per gallon.
- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline rose for the fourth straight week, increasing by 3.1 cents to 156.1 cents per gallon as of September 11, 2000. The average stands at its highest level since July 10, and 31.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Prices rose solidly for all regions and formulations, with the strongest increases seen in West Coast RFG.

Regular Gasoline Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	08/21/00	08/28/00	09/05/00	09/11/00	09/13/99	08/21/00	08/28/00	09/05/00	09/11/00	09/13/99
New York	90.63	91.58	¹ 98.73	99.88	70.20	101.10	102.30	¹ 104.10	99.98	69.53
Chicago	86.25	93.75	¹ 99.29	96.84	70.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	89.40	88.35	¹ 95.00	95.63	66.00	95.50	93.00	¹ 97.60	101.45	70.66
Los Angeles	110.00	124.00	¹ 158.00	135.00	68.00	117.00	131.00	¹ 165.00	140.00	70.00

Source: Reuters Information Services.

¹ Spot prices are as of September 5, 2000, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Regular Gasoline Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes)

District	Conventional Gasoline					Reformulated Gasoline				
	08/21/00	08/28/00	09/04/00	09/11/00	09/13/99	08/21/00	08/28/00	09/04/00	09/11/00	09/13/99
East Coast (PADD I)	142.1	142.5	144.5	147.9	119.0	158.0	157.7	157.6	159.1	125.8
Midwest (PADD II)	141.1	142.8	151.9	155.3	122.6	139.0	141.7	153.8	155.0	124.8
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	141.5	141.6	142.7	146.2	118.4	142.9	143.2	143.4	145.1	116.2
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	154.4	155.5	156.2	158.6	137.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	162.8	165.0	168.8	170.9	139.9	166.2	169.5	177.8	183.6	144.0
U.S. Average	143.6	144.7	149.7	152.9	122.8	154.0	155.5	160.5	163.2	129.4

Source: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey.

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